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In re patent application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/672,131

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For: MECHANISM TO DISABLE  
DYNAMICALLY A COMPUTER  
AUDIO INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTOR

Group Art Unit: 2189

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 7, 2003, and in replacement of the unentered response to the Final Office Action filed on September 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

PATENT  
Docket Number: 16356.739 (DC-02368)  
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 12 are amended and claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-15 remain in the application.